# Good 484



# DECLARED HER INNOCENT-BUT







# Black Skinned—but he died like a white man

January and it was the second week in May when we camped near Sitanda's Kraal. The wagon and oxen we left in the immediate charge of Goza and Tom, the driver and leader, both of them trustworthy boxes. both of them trustworthy boys, requesting a worthy Scotch mis-sionary who lived in this wild e to keep an eye to it.

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Kaffirs; "ou! ou!"

They called Good "Bougwan" (glass eye) because of his eyeglass.

About a fortnight's march from Inyati we came across a peculiarly beautiful bit of fairly-watered wooded country. The kloofs in the hills were covered with dense bush, and there were great dense bush, and there were great herefreshing yellow fruit with enormous stones. This tree is the refreshing yellow fruit with enormous stones. This tree is the elephant's favourite food, and there were not wanting signs that the great brutes were about. At the foot of a bush-clad hill was a dry river-bed, in which however, were to be found pools of crystal water all trodden round with the hoof-prints of game.

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As we emerged into this river-bed path we suddenly started a troop of tall giraffes, who sailed off, with their strange gait, their tails screwed up over their backs, and their hoofs rattling like castanets.

They were about three hundred They were about three hundred yards from us, and therefore practically out of shot, but Good, who was walking ahead, and had an express loaded with solid ball in his hand, could not resist, but upped gun and let drive at the last, a young cow. By some extraordinary chance but I caught him by the arm and pulled him down.

"It's no good," I said, "let jumped up and looked towards them go."

Suddenly from the direction which we saw a confused mass,

1. Put flashy in CS and make

an elephant, and a few minutes afterwards we saw a succession of vast shadowy forms moving slowly from the direction of the water towards the bush.

of the neck, shattering the spinal column, and that giraffe

head over heels

went rolling head just like a rabbit. "Ou, Bougwan," e



appeared that on receiving the bullet the bull had turned and come straight for his assailant, who had barely time to get out of his way, and then charged blindly on past him, in the direction of our encampment. Meanwhile the herd had erashed off in wild alarm in the other direction.

We seized our rifles and slipping on our veldtschoons (shoes made ing sun for over two hours before of untanned hide), ran towards it.

On the grass there lay a sable the exception of one bull, standing antelope bull—the most beautiful stogether, and I could see, from the manner in which they kept of all the African antelopes—the manner in which they kept fifting their trunks to test the air, that they were on the look-iffeent black-maned lion, also dead, out-for mischief. The solitary What had happened evidently was this. The sable antelope had come down to drink at the pool where the evidently keeping sentry, and about sixty yards from us.

While the antelope was drinking

A Pain-maddened "Bull"

INTELLIGENCE

TEST—No. 7

1. How many properties can you think of which oak and butter have in common?

2. Which of the following is an intruder, and why? 492, 381, 561, 473, 396, 528.

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What word linked these two idistances in Fred's mind?

4. A. B and D are in a straight line, and so are A. C and D. C and D are at equal distances from B, but it is fartient line, and so are A. C and D. C and D are at equal distances from B, but it is fartient line, and so are A. C and D. C. C being two miles from B to D?

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and making ready for the fray bank.
We took with us the three eightbore rifles, a good supply of ammunition, and our large waterbottles, filled with weak cold tea, which I have always found the best stuff to shoot on. After swal-lowing a little breakfast we started, Umbopa, Khiva, and Ventvogel accompanying us.

We had no difficulty in finding

the broad elephant trail. But it was nine o'clock, and already very hot, before, from the broken trees, bruised leaves and bark,

and smoking dung, we knew we could not be far off them.

Presently we caught sight of the herd, numbering by the sight of the

herd, numbering between twenty and thirty, standing in a hollow, having finished their morning having finished their meal, and flapping their great

Just in front of us and broadside on stood three splendid bulls, one of them with enormous tusks. I whispered to the others that I would take the middle one; Sir Henry covered the one to the left, and Good the bull with the big tusks.

"Now," I whispered.

Boom! boom! boom! went the three heavy rifles, and down went Sir Henry's elephant dead as a hammer, shot right through the heart. Mine fell on to its knees and I thought he was going to die, but in another moment he was up and off tearing along straight past me. As he went I gave him the second barrel in the ribs, and this brought him down in good earnest. Then I turned to see how Good had fared with the big bull, which I had heard screaming with rage and pain as I gave mine its quietus. On reaching the captain I found him in a great state of excitement. It appeared that on receiving the bullet the bull had turned and come straight for his assailant, who had barely time to get out of his most of them, and the next a dreadful thing happened—Good slipped, and down he went on his face right in front of the elephant.

We gave a gasp, for we knew he must die, and ran as hard as we could towards him. In three seconds it had ended, but not as we thought. Khiva, the Zulu boy, had seen his master fall, and brave lad that he was, had turned and flung his assegai straight into the elephant's face, it stuck in his trunk.

With a scream of pain the brute seized the poor Zulu, hurled him to the earth, and placing his huge foot on to his body about the middle, twined his trunk round his upper part and tore him in two.

We rushed up mad with horror, and fired again and again, and presently the elephant of the captain I found him in a great state of excitement. It appeared that on receiving the bullet the bull had turned and come straight for his assailant, who had barely time to get out of

lion—no doubt the same we had heard—had been lying in wait. While the antelope was drinking the lion had sprung upon him, but was received upon the sharp curved horns and transfixed. The lion, unable to free himself, had torn and bitten at the back and neek of the bull, which, maddened with fear and pain, had rushed on till it dropped dead. As soon as we had examined the dead beasts we went in and lay down, to wake no more till dawn. With the first light we were up and making ready for the fray, bank.

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We all aimed at this bull, and at my whispered word fired. All three shots took effect, and fown he went dead. Again the herd started on, but unfortunately for them about a hundred yards water track, with steep banks. Into this the elephants plunged, and when we reached the edge we found them struggling in wild confusion to get up the other and making ready for the fray, bank.

B to C, C being two miles from A. How far is it from B to D? (Answers in No. 483.

1. You cannot have railways without rails and locomotives. False, for you can have horse-drawn railways.

2. Grey is a colour; others are not.

3. Hay, or Nebuchadnezzar (who ate grass).

4. (a) Yes, (b) No, (c) No, (d) No.

Now was our opportunity, and firing away as quickly as we could load we killed five of the poor beasts, and no doubt should have bagged the whole herd had they not suddenly given up their attempts to climb the bank and rushed headlong

the bank and rushed headlong down the nullah. We were too tired to follow them, and perhaps also a little sick of slaughter, eight elephants being a pretty good bag for one day. So after we had rested a little, and the Kafirs had out out the hearts of two of the dead elephants for supper, we started homewards, having made up our minds to send the bearers on the morrow to chop out the tusks.

Shortly after we had passed the spot where Good had wounded the patriarchal bull we came across a herd of eland. As Good was anxious to get a near view of them, never having seen an eland close, he handed his rifle to Umbopa.

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Suddenly we heard an elephant scream, and saw its huge and charging form with uplifted trunk and tail silhouetted against the great red globe of the sun. Next second we saw Good and Khiva tearing back towards us with the wounded bull (for it was he) charging after them. For a moment we did not

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## CROSSWORD CORNER



CLUES DOWN.

1 Drink. 2 Salute. 3 Trimmed with beak. 4
Tilt. 5 Illusive. 6 Thanks. 7 Colour slightly.
8 Girl's name. 9 Requites. 11 Ornamental
vessel. 17 Get by digging. 18 Resolves. 19
Stratagem. 20 Burdened. 21 Stringed instrument. 24 In front of. 25 Poke. 27 Away. 30
Rabble. 32 Wild plant. 34 Vase. 36 Favourite.
39 Through.

- CLUES ACROSS
- Pile.
  Furnish.
  Urge.
  Performed.
  Seldom.
  African.

# JANE

Answers to Wangling

Words-No. 422

1. CaptURE. 2. Aberdeen (Dee and Don), Winchester (Itchen), Lewes

Campbell, Pope,

3. Cowper Camp Arnold Landor. 4. T-rout, Bre-am.







### BEELZEBUB JONES









BELINDA









POPEYE









RUGGLES









GARTH







JUST JAKE









# Their Foolish Things

### By Gordon Rich

JUST a hundred years ago died William Beckford, M.P., author of the Oriental romance, "Vathek," which led him to be proclaimed by some of his contemporaries, including Byron, one of the greatest writers of all time. To-day, Beckford is remembered not for "Vathek," which no one ever reads, or even for his contributions to his country as Member of Parliament, but only for the gigantic "Folly" which he erected at his family seat in Wiltshire.

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On this folly Beckford spent the greater part of the fortune of a million pounds that was left to him. He enclosed several square miles with a gisantic wall, and behind this began building feverishly. So anxious was he to build that he insiste on the workness was the countryside with countless torches out work could go on! And what was he building? The family home was Fonthill Abbey, and to this Beckford decided to add some "classic" ruins and a tower!

The tower was an obsession with him. He built the first one so fast that it fell almost immediately, adding ruins he had not designed to his folly. A second one was put up, and then Beckford sent states and the segment of the secondary guests all the way from the road masses of silver plate, and endless servants and dishes. He stuffed the Abbey with antiques from all over Europe, and the library with precious books.

Even Beckford's money gave out eventually, however, and he had to sell up. So great was the curiosity of people that 30,600 copies of the sale cutalogue at one guinea each were sold built another "folly," a tall pseudo-taliain tower on Lansdowne Hill, that enabled him to see his beloved Fonthill in the distance! Today he lies buried under the tower.

Towers are a favourite form of "folly" in Britain, and they have been built for almost every imaginable—and some unimaginable—reason. A tall tower at Hadlow, in Kert, is an imitation of the belfry at Bruggs, but the will be a surrounding our the surrounding our t

